CAREX CHORDORRHIZA IN GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONTANA

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While collecting sedges in Glacier National Park during the summer of 1978, I found plants of Carex chordorrhiza L. f. growing abundantly in a calcareous boggy meadow along Glacier Route 7 about 6.8 kilometers north northwest of Apgar, Flathead County, Montana. Other sedges growing in this meadow, most of which are rare in Montana, were Carex buxbaumii, C. limosa, C. livida, Eleocharis elliptica, Eriophorum alpinum, E. viridi-carinatum, and Scirpus cespitosus. Also present were Drosera anglica, D. rotundifolia, Menyanthes trifoliata, Scheuchzeria palustris and Tofieldia glutinosa.

Carex chordorrhiza is circumboreal and occurs across Canada (Scoggan, 1978). Although it is known as far south as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa farther east, it has not been previously reported from any of the northwestern United States (Hermann, 1970; Hitchcock & Cronquist, 1973). This report thus extends the western North American range of Carex chordorrhiza southward to northwestern Montana from Alberta and British Columbia.

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